

Scholarship Information

Byrne Creek Community School

Who, me? Yes, you!



How much money in scholarships did Byrne Creek Grads earn last year?

A.\$60,000

B.\$100,000

C.\$255,600

D.\$400,000

Answer:

D!

Types of Scholarships

- 1. Ministry of Education
- 2. Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI's)
- 3. Private Organizations
- 4. Byrne Creek Community School



1. Ministry of Education

- A. Dogwood/District Authority Scholarships \$1250
- B. BC Excellence Scholarship \$5000
- C. BC Achievement Scholarship \$1250
- D. Pathway to Teacher Education School \$5000

A. Dogwood Scholarships - \$1250

 Applied Skills, Fine Arts, Community Service, Physical Activity, Languages, Tech and Trades, Indigenous Language and Culture

Requirements

- Concentration of 5 courses leading to a career in that area
- At least C+ (2.5 GPA)
- Good attendance and attitude
- Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
- 23 grads at Byrne were awarded this last year

B. BC Excellence Scholarship-\$5000

- Recognizes 55 students in BC for excellence in community service in and out of school
 - commitment to their chosen career

Requirements:

- School must nominate student
- Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
- BC resident
- B average; C+ average in certain courses
- Complete resume
- Two references

C. BC Achievement Scholarships - \$1250

 Recognizes 3000 BC Grads with highest cumulative average requirements based on courses required for graduation from grades 10-12

Requirements:

- At least 73% in English 12 or Communications 12
- Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
- BC Resident
- Ministry will determine recipients based on marks

D. Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - \$5000

 Recognizes 20 Grads who want to be a teacher

Requirements:

- Must who evidence of commitment to and aptitude for a teaching career
- Maintain B average in all courses with no more than one grade 12 course at the C+ level
- Resume
- Two reference letters

Ministry Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Application Required?	Application Process	Winners Selection by	Vouchers mailed (after graduation)
Dogwood/ District Authority	\$1250	Yes	Student applies to through school in May	District, validated by Ministry	December
BC Excellence	\$5000	Yes	School selects nominee to apply to Ministry	Ministry Committee	September
BC Achievement	\$1250	No	None	Ministry	October
Pathway to Education	\$5000	Yes	Student applies to Ministry	Ministry Committee	September

2. Sponsored by Post-Secondary Institutions

Scholarships

- Most are due in February
- Mostly based on marks
- Major awards often require "other" involvement
- Student writes academic and personal profile

Bursaries

- Must demonstrate financial need
- Need must be above and beyond "ordinary"









3. Sponsored by Private Organizations

- Community involvement
- Interests or skills
- See our website for updates
 - Ex. Horatio Alger, TD Canada Trust, Remax Quest for Excellence, AES...
- Contact your consulate if your family is not from Canada
- Ask your parents' place of work

4. Sponsored by Byrne Creek

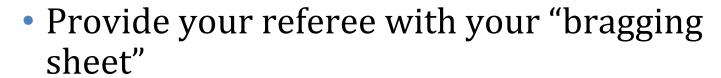
- Provided by donations
- Set up for various reasons
- **Thousands** of dollars are available in this category
 - Example: PAC, Leo Club, Student Government, Athlete of the Year, Byrne Creek Alumni, VPA, Department awards...

Helpful Websites for Financial Aid

- www.scholartree.ca
- http://www.studentawards.com
- http://www.schoolfinder.com
- http://www.fastweb.com/canada
- http://www.scholarshipscanada.com
- http://www.achievebc.ca
- http://www.pas.bc.ca/resources/financial.htm (apply online)
- http://www.edupass.org (for students bound for the United States)

Reference Letters

- Very important that the letter indicates
 - SPECIFICS of what you did
 - How often you volunteered/worked
 - Number of hours you contributed



- Template is provided for you
- Give your referee 2 weeks to write a **good** letter for you



External Applications



- Follow the instructions on the application
- You are responsible for gathering info
- You are responsible for meeting the deadline
- You are responsible for mailing the application
- Send the applications **before** the deadline. They will **not** look at your application if it arrives on the due date.

Internal Applications



The Byrne Creek Scholarship Committee will look very closely at your:

- Personal profile
- Extracurricular involvement
- Financial need
- Marks from grades 10-12
- Special circumstances
- Reference letters

Why bother to apply?



- There are millions of dollars out there for scholarships... you just have to look for it
- the scholarships are often given as a cheque DIRECTLY to you
- There are scholarships for every kind of student from academic, ACE-IT, the Arts, Applied Skills to Physical Education and more
- Most scholarships want a lot of volunteerism in the school and community rather than grades.

Why bother with the *long* applications?



- They ask about the most significant things you have learned
- They get you to think about what is most important to you
- They get you to think about what you want...
 not just what career you think you want to do
- The applications encourage you to pause and reflect on your life
- They help you know yourself better

What do you need to do now?

- 1. Complete a Student Profile Sheet
- 2. Follow @MsFalsettoByrne for Scholarship Updates
- 3. Check
- http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/byrnecreek-scholarships/
- 4. Start Googling BC Scholarships to see what's out there
- 5. Type Ms. Falsetto's email into your contacts: laida.falsetto@burnabyschools.ca

Timeline: take a picture of this slide

Month	To Do			
October/November	 Complete Personal Profile hand in to Ms. Falsetto before the end of term 1 Check if your parents' work offer scholarships Prepare your resume Line up teacher references Check Byrne Creek Scholarship website and @MsFalsettoByrne regularly for updates Search internet for financial aid Start applying for scholarships © 			
December	- Apply for major entrance scholarships to PSI, where necessary			
January/February	Watch for announcements from PSI'sUpdate your Personal Profile with Ms. Falsetto			
March/April	 - Keep your eyes open for PSI announcements - Make sure Ms. Falsetto has your Personal Profile - Many applications are due - Send thank you cards to those who awarded you with a scholarship! 			
May/June	Tell Ms. Falsetto when you have won an award			